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Sample document – Patent

TI	Cable crossover exercise apparatus
INV,PA	Simonson, Roy (Inventor). The Simonson Family Limited Partnership RLLLP (Assignee). US
PN,PDL	6238323 . (Published 29 May 2001).
	Bibliographic information
PA	Assignee The Simonson Family Limited Partnership RLLLP
INV	Inventor Simonson, Roy
PBC,PN,PDL	Publication number US 6238323 (29 May 2001, Utility)
PNA,RPN	Related patent US 6458061 US 7282016
USCL,CL	US classification 482/103 : Exercise devices
PLF	Plaintiff ICON HEALTH & FITNESS
DEF	Defendant HOIST FITNESS SYSTEMS TORQUE FITNESS TUFF STUFF FITNESS EQUIPMENT VECTRA FITNESS
CRT,DKN	Court and docket number Utah (Docket: 1:10CV00193)
FD	Court filing date 22 November 2010
ACN	Action CAUSE - 35 USC 271 - COMPLAINT FOR PATENT INFRINGEMENT
LN	Language English
DTYPE	Document type Patent
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AN	Accession number P2011-01-107
	Document URL http://search.proquest.com/professional/docview/1114349052?accountid=137296
FAV,UD	First available 2011-06-15
PUB	Database LitAlert® (1973 - current)

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TI	MIZZFIT FITNESS COUTURESS LitAlert .	
	Bibliographic information	
TMO	Trademark owner	MIZZFIT LLC NEW YORK, NY
TMR,TRD	Trademark number	3802190 (15 June 2010)
	Trademark status	Registered
OTN	Related trademark	3988931 ; 3988931
CLT, CL	Trademark classification	107 : EDUCATION AND ENTERTAINMENT - On-line journals, namely blogs in the fields of fashion, health and fitness trends
PLF	Plaintiff	TAXMAN, BIANCA J MIZZFIT LLC
DEF	Defendant	BOYD, KATIE
CRT,DKN	Court and docket number	New York, Southern Dist (Docket: 1:11CV07458)
FD	Court filing date	21 October 2011
	Subsequent action date	08 November 2011
ACN	Action	NOTICE OF VOLUNTARY DISMISSAL PURSUANT TO RULE 41(A)(1)(A)(I) OF THE FEDERAL RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE, THE PLAINTIFF(S) AND OR THEIR COUNSEL(S), HEREBY GIVE NOTICE THAT THE ACTION IS VOLUNTARILY DISMISSED WITH PREJUDICE AGAINST THE DEFENDANT(S) ALL DEFENDANTS. DOCUMENT FILED BY ALL PLAINTIFFS
LN	Language	English
DTYPE	Document type	Trademark
	Source attribution	LitAlert, © Publisher specific
AN	Accession number	T2012-25-63
	Document URL	http://search.proquest.com/professional/docview/1114360055?accountid=137296
FAV,UD	First available	2012-10-05
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Patent publication date	PDL	pdl(2003) pdl(>2005) pdl(2009-2013)	Search only the patent publication date in LitAlert; see also Trademark registration date.
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Plaintiff	PLF	plf(Novartis)	Includes names of plaintiffs in patent or trademark litigation
Publication title	PUB	pub(litalert)	In a patent database, the publication title is generally the database name.
Publication type	PT	pt(government official publication)	The only publication type is "Government & Official Publications".
Related publication number	RPN	rpn("US 5800889")	Search related patent publication numbers only
Related trademark number	OTN	otn(2944885)	Search related trademark numbers only
Trademark owner	TMO	tmo(Mars Inc)	Includes the trademark owner name
Trademark registration date	TRD	trd(2003) trd(>2005) trd(2009-2013)	Search only the trademark registration date. See also Patent publication date
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